Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-2 (**Cancelled**)

3.(New) A wrench comprising:

a cylindrical main shaft comprised of a first divided body having a working portion and a second divided body having an operating handle extending from a portion of the second divided body, wherein the first and second divided bodies are connected so as to be capable of rotational movement relative to each other;

a torsion member having a first end, a second end and a twist portion between the first and second ends, said torsion member being inserted in the first and second divided bodies of the main shaft, and providing an elastic restoring force about the axis of the main shaft upon twisting the twist portion by torsion applied to the second divided body,

wherein a first end of the first divided body is fixed to the first end of the torsion member, and a first end of the second divided body is fixed to the second end of the torsion member;

a cylindrical member rotatably disposed on the second divided body; and

torque display means for displaying the torque produced in accordance with the degree of twist of the torsion member with respect to a reference point.

4. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 3, further comprising turn-regulating means for regulating a relative turning angle between the first and second divided bodies, said turn regulating means comprising an engaging portion formed at a second end of the first divided body and an engaging portion formed at a second end of the

second divided body,

wherein the engaging portions are engaged with each other when a predetermined torque in a screw-fastening direction is applied to the torsion member, and the engaging portions do not engage with each other until the predetermined torsion in the screw-fastening direction is applied.

5. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 4, wherein, when torsion is applied to the torsion member in a screw-loosening direction, the engaging portions, which are in contact with each other in an unloaded state, are engaged.

6. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 4, wherein the engaging portions project in an axial direction of the main shaft so as to confront each other in a radial direction about the main shaft.

7. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 6, wherein, when torsion is applied to the torsion member in a screw-loosening direction, the engaging portions, which are in contact with each other in an unloaded state, are engaged.

8. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first divided body comprises a socket attaching member onto which a socket can be attached.

9. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 3, wherein the torsion member is formed of an elastically deformable material.

10. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 3, wherein the torque display means comprises a scale provided at the second end of the first divided body, a pointer provided at the second end of the second divided body, a ring-shaped member rotatably fitted onto the second end of the first divided body, and a friction pointer fixed on the ring-shaped member,

wherein, during a fastening operation, the friction pointer is pushed by the pointer and turns together with the pointer in the fastening direction, and during a loosening operation, the friction pointer does not move.

11. (New) A wrench comprising:

a hollow cylindrical main shaft comprised of a first divided body having a working portion and a second divided body having an operating handle extending therefrom, wherein said first and second divided bodies are connected so as to permit rotational movement relative to each other;

an elastic torsion member inserted in the first and second divided bodies of the main shaft, said torsion member being capable of twisting about the axis of the main shaft and providing an elastic restoring force against torsion about the axis of the main shaft,

wherein a first end of the first divided body is fixed to a first end of the torsion member, and a first end of the second divided body is fixed to a second end of the torsion member;

a cylindrical member rotatably disposed on the second divided body; and a torque display device for displaying a torque produced in accordance with the degree of twist of the torsion member with respect to a reference point,

wherein the torque display device comprises a scale provided at a second end of the first divided body, a pointer provided at a second end of the second divided body, a ring-shaped member rotatably fitted onto the second end of the first divided body, and a friction pointer fixed on the ring-shaped member, and

wherein, during a fastening operation, the friction pointer is pushed by the pointer and turns together with the pointer in the fastening direction, and during a loosening operation, the friction pointer does not move.

12. (New) The wrench as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising turn-regulating means for regulating a relative turning angle between the first and second divided bodies, the turn regulating means comprising at least one recess formed in the second end of the second divided body, and at least one projecting portion formed at the second end of the first divided body, wherein the projecting portion is received in the recess of the second divided body such that a clearance is formed between the projecting portion and a wall of the recess in a fastening direction,

wherein, when torsion is not applied, a wall of the projecting portion contacts a wall of the recess that is facing in a loosening direction, and when torsion is applied in a loosening direction, the contacted wall of the projecting portion engages the contacting wall of the recess.

13. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 11, wherein, during a fastening operation, the projecting portion does not engage a wall of the recess until a

predetermined torsion in the fastening direction is applied to the torsion member.

14. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 11, wherein the torsion member is formed of an elastically deformable material.

15. (New) The wrench as claimed in claim 11, wherein, following a fastening operation, the friction pointer indicates the maximum torque exerted during the fastening operation.